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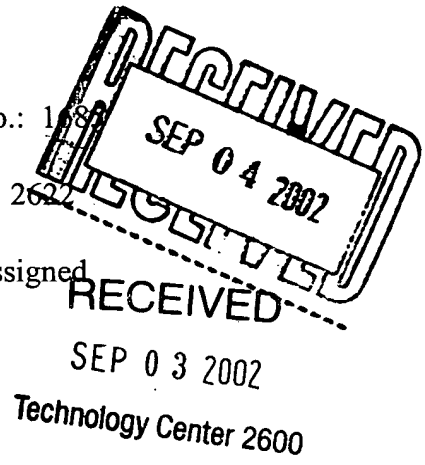


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Attorney Docket No. 046124-5071

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yukinobu SUGIYAMA et al.)
Application No.: 09/964,450)
Filed: September 28, 2001)
For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A Supplementary European Search Report dated June 18, 2002, is attached together with the reference cited thereon. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the European Search Report and cited reference and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following document listed on the attached PTO Form-1449 is in a language other than English. As for relevance, an English-language Abstract and an English-language translation are provided.

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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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